American Indian, Eskimo and Aleut Population In the United States

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Population

According to the 1990 U.S. Census, the American Indian population (including Eskimos and Aleuts) in the nation totaled 1,959,000.

There are 500 American Indian tribes in the United States, but the only tribes with more than 100,000 persons are the Cherokee, Navajo, Chippewa and Sioux. In 1990, approximately 16 percent of all Indians reported themselves to be Cherokee, 12 percent as Navajo, and 6 percent each as Chippewa and Sioux. The Choctaw, Pueblo and Apache have populations of at least 50,000. The Choctaw account for 4 percent of the American Indian population. The Iroquois Confederacy, Lumbee and Creek all have 43,000 or more persons. Fourteen tribes have populations between 10,000 and 21,000 persons. Most tribes have populations of less than 10,000.

The 10 states with the largest number of American Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts are listed below:

Oklahoma	252,000	Washington	81,000
California	242,000	North Carolina	80,155
Arizona	204,000	Texas	66,000
New Mexico	134,000	New York	63,000
Alaska	86,000	Michigan	56,000